

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: DPSH, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Assistant Chief Chaplain Devay Myatt, Sr. provided the invocation.
- III. **Mission Statement of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- IV. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD, Chairperson	Yes	
Martin Jones, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Annie Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- V. **Commissioner Brown** moved “to approve the Agenda for Thursday, August 26, 2021.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

- VI. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2021. The minutes were approved as corrected.

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**

- VIII. **Chair’s Report.** Chairperson Holley provided the following information:

(1) PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 25, 2021- We recently received the Emergency Public Health Order declaring a public health emergency due to COVID-19. Therefore, remote meetings will resume starting September 9, 2021, through December 31, 2021, as allowed by the Public Health Order unless further orders are designated by the City’s Chief Public Health Director Denise Fair based on the Michigan Public Health Code and the Open Meetings Act. Today, we will take a vote to determine whether to hold Virtual Meetings only or Hybrid Meetings consisting of In-Person and Virtual Access. As a reminder, the Board will not meet on September 2, 2021, due to the Labor Day Holiday. The Board will continue to adhere to local, state, and CDC guidelines as well as the Open Meetings Act for public meetings.

(2) CONGRATULATIONS TO CHIEF JAMES E. WHITE ON HIS RECENT MAYORAL APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF POLICE: The Board continues to extend congratulations to you on your Mayoral appointment as Chief of Police for the Detroit Police Department. We support you, your Executive Team, and the Department as we all attempt to reduce and deter crime, enhance the Department, and make our community safer. We congratulate you once again, and we look forward to City Council’s confirmation within the 30 days from the date of your initial appointment.

(3) OCI CITIZEN COMPLAINT INVESTIGATORS: Today, we welcome two (2) new Investigators to the OCI Office of the Chief Investigator, which is our investigative division for the Board. Welcome Investigator Ellen Counts and Investigator Pastella Williams. We will have the OATH of OFFICE for the Investigators immediately after my remarks. Please also note that on September 9, 2021, we will hold interviews for the position of Senior Investigator with the Office of the Chief Investigator. We currently have four candidates, and we will hold 20-minute interviews for each of the four candidates for the position. Candidates will receive an invitation from City HR and BOPC Administrative Staff inviting them to interview and providing instructions for coming to the meeting based our meeting format.

(4) BOARD STAFF VACANCIES: Remaining Citizen Complaint Investigator Vacancies: As an update, we have four more Citizen Complaint Investigator vacancies to fill and I hope to have this completed by November 2021. The posting will be up by week's end for those interested. We are working with City HR to advance this process. Regarding other staff vacancy positions, City HR is in the process of reposting the positions for Secretary to the Board and for Chief Investigator, which should be posted by the end of this week. The Attorney to the Board position will also be posted to the City's website at a future date once all HR requirements are met. Again, we are working with City HR to ensure our recruitment, selection, and hiring process meets all City policies and charter mandates.

(4) NACOLE Conference Webinars: As a reminder, we hope that you have had an opportunity to attend the NACOLE Conference Webinars to learn more about what is taking place around the country regarding effective practices and trends in civilian oversight. We will have reports and recommendations to share with the Board for your consideration for as we work to enhance the Department, law enforcement-civilian oversight, community bridges, and public safety. Thank you for your participation.

(5) TODAY'S MEETING PRESENTATION/REPORTS: Chief of Police Report: We look forward to receiving various important updates regarding the Homicide Stats that were shared earlier. And an update on the "Preacher's Pick Recruitment Initiative." Resolution: For Corporal Kahlil Biddle, honoring his service and commitment to the City and the Department. Presentation(s): Today, we will have presentations from the DPD Chaplain Corp – Chief Chaplain Lennell Caldwell; and the OCI – Office of the Chief Investigator – Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar.

(6) FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: Commissioner Burton, I am looking forward to your report on Facial Recognition today. Thank you.

IX. Resolution: Commissioner Hernandez read the resolution honoring Corporal Kahlil J. Biddle (Posthumously).

**RESOLUTION HONORING
CORPORAL KAHLIL J. BIDDLE
POSTHUMOUSLY**

- WHEREAS** Kahlil J. Biddle was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 12, 1997. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Biddle began his career at the Tenth Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Biddle dutifully served the Tenth Precinct, Western District, and the Tenth Precinct again. Officer Biddle displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills as an Officer and earned promotion to the rank of Corporal on October 18, 2018. On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, Corporal Kahlil Biddle, Badge 4298, passed away; and
- WHEREAS** During his law enforcement career, Corporal Biddle was the deserving recipient of many honors. His recognitions include a Chief's Unit Award, the Aretha Franklin Funeral Recognition Award, both Consent Judgement Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and
- WHEREAS** Corporal Biddle passionately served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He was highly respected by his peers as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution posthumously in recognition of Corporal Kahlil Biddle and his more than 24 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Corporal Kahlil Biddle Williams.

Commissioner Holt moved adoption of a resolution, which was adopted as follows: *“Resolved, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution posthumously in recognition of Corporal Kahlil Biddle and his more than 24 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.”*

X. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police’s Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information: Chief James E. White reported on Officers Injured in the Line of Duty; current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. **See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.**

XI. PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. Detroit Chaplain Corp – Chief Chaplain Lennell Caldwell, Assistant Chief Chaplain Avis Taylor, Assistant Chief Chaplain Devey Myatt, Sr., and Senior Corporal Douglas Bartell.

B. Office of the Chief Investigator – Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar.

- A. Detroit Chaplain Corp – Chief Chaplain Lennell Caldwell, Assistant Chief Chaplain Avis Taylor, Assistant Chief Chaplain Devey Myatt, Sr., and Senior Corporal Douglas Bartell** provided an overview of the DPD Chaplain Corp outlining its model of character, commitment, and chemistry for the organization. The presenters also discussed the mission statement; history of the chaplains; vision statement; looking at the life of a Detroit Police Chaplain; DPD and DPC Executive Leadership and Precinct Teams; Roles and Responsibilities; and other key initiatives. *See PowerPoint Presentation available online.*
- B. Office of the Chief Investigator – Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar** provided an overview of the citizen complaint investigation process, the monthly data statistics, and updates regarding OCI staff personnel and case status reports. *See PowerPoint Presentation available online.*

XII. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

- 1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 8/16/21 – 8/22/21
- 2. Correspondence from COP James E. White Re: Change of Duty Status to Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Lieutenant Willie Duncan, Badge L-321, assigned to the Eleventh Precinct
- 3. Michael Robinson v City of Detroit, et al - Case No. 21-cv-11740
- 4. Danielle Deisch v Careema Michelle Yopp, et al - Case No. 21-009264-NI
- 5. Carol Galloway v City of Detroit - Case No. 21-159617
- 6. DPD Recruitment Flyers
- 7. Mayor Mike Duggan’s Letter of Appointment for Chief James E. White
- 8. Staff Reports

XIII. Unfinished Business.

Commissioner Bell moved “that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct Virtual Meetings from September 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, pursuant to Detroit Public Health Director Denise Fair’s Health Order.”

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 2 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Holt.

No: Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis.

XIV. Announcements.

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

1. **Next Virtual Meeting:** Thursday, September 9, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.
2. **Next Virtual Meeting:** Thursday, September 16, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.

XV. Oral Communications/Public Comments:

Ms. Bernice Smith, CAC Scotty Boman, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Brenda Hill, Ms. Faith, Ms. Michelle George, Mr. James Mackay is Mr. Rhuben Crowley and Mr. Robert Dunlap offered public comments.

XVI. New Business.

Commissioner Holt moved to go into “Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268 (a) Regarding Administrative Leave without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Lieutenant Willie Duncan, Badge L-321, assigned to the Eleventh Precinct.” (2/3 roll call vote required) (Time: 5:30 p.m.). The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Holt.

XVII. Commissioner Carter moved to “Reconvene the Public Meeting.” (Time: 5:50 p.m.) The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

XVIII. Commissioner Hernandez moved “that the Board of Police Commissioners concur with Chief of Police James E. White’s Recommendation for Change of Duty Status to Administrative Leave without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Lieutenant Willie Duncan, Badge L-321, assigned to the Eleventh Precinct with the outcome pending his criminal procedures.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Holt.

XIX. Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.